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| <b>RESPONSE TO<br/>OFFICE ACTION</b><br><br>Address to:<br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Arlington VA 22313-1450 | Attorney Docket<br>Confirmation No. | 10011370-1<br>3741                                       |
|   | First Named Inventor                | Daniel B. Roitman  |
|   | Application Number                  | 10/072,837   |
|   | Filing Date                         | February 6, 2002   |
|   | Group Art Unit                      | 1639   |
|   | Examiner Name                       | Jon D. Epperson  |
|   | Title                               | Methods for Making<br>Microbar Encoders for<br>Bioprobes |

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 22, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.